Cementing the Trivandrum-Nagercoil road.

17 MR. THAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTHOMMEN (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) to what company they have given the contract for cementing the Trivandrum-Nagercoil road;

(*b*) whether the contract was given by calling for tenders;

(*c*) what is the rate per mile;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether the contractor engaged by the Government had given the lowest tender;

(*e*) how many of those who offered tenders were *bona fide* Travancoreans;

(*f*) the number of miles of road given on contract for cementing; and

(*g*) what is the time-limit fixed by Government for completing the work?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: (*a*) Messrs. The Combined Construction Corporation Ltd., Trivandrum.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. 25,433 per mile for 1 : 2 : 4 concrete road 5"-4"-5" section.

Rs. 20,350 per mile for 1 : 2 : 4 concrete road 4"-3"-4" section.

Rs. 14,466 per mile for 1½" Shalimar Tarcrete.

(*d*) Considering the time of completion and the nature of work to be done in the different sections they are found to be cheapest.

(*e*) Two of the firms who tendered are registered in Travancore.

(*f*) 47 1/8 miles for concreting.

(*g*) 15 months from the date of order.

Non-Travancorean Officers in the State.

18. MR. THAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTHOMMEN. Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of non-Travancorean Officers in the State who receive a salary of Rs. 100 and above;

(*b*) their names;

(*c*) their monthly pay;

(*d*) their qualifications, ordinary and technical;

(*e*) the date of commencement of service of each one of them;

(*f*) the native place of each of such officers;

(*g*) whether there are any particular terms in such appointments; and

(*h*) the special reasons for excluding Travancoreans from such posts?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The labour involved in the preparation of the lists and in the collection of the materials referred to is incommensurate with the benefits derivable from them.

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